

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): C.R. Douglas Examiner Eron J. Sorrell
Serial No. 10/624,408 Group Art Unit 2182
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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR MANAGING REQUESTS
TO AN INPUT/OUTPUT DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated June 12, 2006 (“Final Office Action”), in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-21, 23-25, 27, and 28 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art and found that claims 5, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 26 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants amended the independent claims to include the requirements of allowable claims 5, 15, and 22 to place all the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants further amended certain claims to change the dependency to the independent claims and made some corrections to other claims to accommodate the changes made to the base claims. Claims 5, 15, and 22 are canceled. Applicants submit that these amendments place all pending claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-21, and 23-28 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.